Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Taylor S6194 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Virginia

At a court held for Albemarle County the 2nd day of October 1832.

On this 2nd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Albemarle being a Court of record, now sitting – John Taylor a resident of Albemarle County State of Virginia aged seventy-three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered into the Army of the United States for the time of two years on or about the day of 1776 in the State of Virginia in a Rifle Company commanded by Captain Thomas Walker in the 9th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Fleming [probably Colonel Charles Fleming] in the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until discharged by Colonel Fleming on account of sickness before the expiration of his time of enlistment – that he has lost his discharge – That after his discharge, he returned to Albemarle, the County of his birth & former residence, and within less than a year, he was drafted in the militia and marched from Charlottesville under Captain Miller to Marvin Hills [Malvern Hills] where he was transferred to the command of another Captain, name not recollected, attached to a Battalion under the command of Major __ Armistead, and was marched to different places in the lower part of Virginia, – this tour was for about two months, at the end of which he was discharged and returned to Albemarle. In a short time he was again drafted in the militia and marched from Charlottesville under Captain James Woods to Richmond, and four mile Creek, he was marched to various places, and performed various services during the tour which was for two months. After being discharged he again returned to Albemarle, from whence in a short time he visited Cabbin Point [Cabin Point] in Virginia where he continued and joined a troop of horse none of whose officers he now recollects. In a short time the troops were discharged and he again returned to Albemarle – that the name of the Colonel to whose Regiment he was attached before he was transferred to Major Armistead was, he thinks Reuben Lindsay, his Major McIlhaney and the General's name was Nelson - Colonel Holt Richison [Holt Richardson] he thinks was his Colonel when he served under Captain Woods – James Lewis was his Lieutenant on one occasion.

He was born the 9th day of July 1759 and has no record of his age the same having been burnt.

He has no documents or discharge is – but refers to the statement of James Lewis and Hudson Martin for proof of his service.

He would refer to Colonel William Woods and Jesse Lewis as to his character for veracity etc.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Taylor, X his mark

Whereupon the Court propounded to the applicant the following Interrogatories

- 1. Where and in what year were you born
- A. I was born in Albemarle County State of Virginia in 1759
- 2. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?
- A. I have none
- 3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War & where do you now live?
- A. When called into service I lived in Albemarle County Virginia where I continued to live since the Revolution & where I now live.
- 4. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom?
- A. I was drafted except once, & then I volunteered as stated in my declaration.
- 5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general Circumstances of your service.
- A. I don't now remember more than I have already stated in my declaration
- 6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service, and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it?
- A. I received a written discharge from Colonel Fleming but it is burnt or lost. [Jesse Lewis & William Woods gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I do Hereby certify that Captain Thomas Walker was a Captain in the 9th Virginia Regiment which was raised for two years and commanded by Colonel Flemming [probably Charles Fleming] who died of the smallpox taken in the natural way and was afterwards commanded by Colonel George Mathews who had acted prior to that time as Lieutenant Colonel to the Regiment Colonel Fleming died as well as recollected in January 1777 in New Jersey sometime in the latter part of the summer or fall of 1776 Captain Thomas Walker from Indisposition or some other cause resigned and quit the Army, William Henderson who was first Lieutenant succeeded to the command of the Company and Hudson Martin who was Ensign of the company was promoted to a lieutenancy. John Taylor enlisted as a soldier in Captain Walker's Company of the 9th Virginia Regiment and served some considerable time but how long I am not able to say but expect the muster rolls and payrolls will give the time; the Company commanded by Walker and afterward by Henderson was raised in the winter & spring of 1776 as well as my memory serves me & was ordered to the Eastern Shore of Virginia where the Regiment was stationed and continued there until late in the fall or winter of '76 they received marching orders to join the Army then lying in New Jersey. Given under my hand this 10th day of February 1832

S/ James Lewis

Note I belonged to the same company as John Taylor to wit Walker's or Henderson's and acted as orderly Sergeant in the place of William T Lewis who was taken sick & was received in his place

Franklin County State of Tennessee Sct. This day personally appeared before me William Knox a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that the above Certificate subscribed by him is true as far as he knows or believes. Given under my hand this 10th day of February 1832 and of the Independence of the United States the 55th year.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 10th day of February 1832

S/ William Knox, JP

S/ Jas Lewis

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia militia and Continental line.]